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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 355  
By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mr. Gary Gentry upon receiving the 1997 "Exemplary Coordinator Award".

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those special persons who have dedicated themselves to the educational progress of our young people; and

WHEREAS, Gary Gentry is one such remarkable citizen who is most assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Gary Gentry is the 1997 recipient of the "Exemplary Coordinator Award" by the PENCIL Foundation, a prestigious award given those who demonstrate outstanding leadership in delivering additional resources to students; and

WHEREAS, Gary Gentry exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, born in Birmingham, Alabama and raised in Donelson, Gary Gentry is the son of Bedford and Margaret Gentry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gentry began his illustrious career at the DuPont Company at Old Hickory in 1964, and is currently a Community Affairs Representative for DuPont; and

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WHEREAS, as the adoptive coordinator for DuPont Elementary and DuPont-Hadley Middle School, Gary Gentry is involved in fundraising for these schools as well as for recruiting volunteers to ensure the success of all of his undertakings; and

WHEREAS, known to the students as “Mr. DuPont”, Gary Gentry is renowned for his adroit “cheerleading” skills and for his refusal to wear socks; and

WHEREAS, Gary Gentry likes to reward the faculty with special outings, such as taking the teachers out for lunch during National Education Week, a limousine ride and lunch for the principals on Boss’ Day and lunch and special treats for the secretaries on Secretary’s Day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gentry is also a charter member of the Hadley’s Bend Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Gary Gentry is most appreciative of the love he shares with his two children, Beth Anne Gentry Parris and Braden Gentry, and his two grandchildren, Riley Parris and Ryan Parris; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a community is blessed with such a truly talented and giving individual as Gary Gentry who, through his dedication to the profession he loves and the people he treasures, has positively influenced Tennessee’s most precious resource, our young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Gary Gentry upon receiving the 1997 Exemplary Coordinator Award, and extend to Mr. Gentry our best wishes for his and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.